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## INVENTORY WORKSHEET

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2788	3/15/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
2789	3/15/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
2790	3/15/49	Detroit teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
2791	3/15/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
2792	3/15/49	Boston teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
2793	3/15/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York	2	yes	
2794	3/14/49	Bureau memo to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2795	3/15/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Baltimore	2	yes	
2796	3/15/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2797	3/15/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2798	3/15/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Newark	1	yes	
2799	3/14/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	

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2800	3/15/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
2801	3/15/49	New York memo to Bureau	1	yes	
2802	3/15/49	New York letter to Bureau	3	yes	
2802A	3/11/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	yes	
2803	3/15/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
2804	3/15/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
2805	3/15/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
2806	3/16/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
2807	3/16/49	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
2808	3/11/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	2	yes	
2809	3/11/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	2	yes	
2810	3/14/49	Bureau memo to Boston	1	yes	

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2811	3/14/49	Bureau memo to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2812	3/15/49	Bureau letter to Washington Field Office	3	yes	
2813	3/16/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
2814	3/15/49	Washington Field Office report	2	yes	
2815	3/11/49	New York letter to Bureau	2	yes	
2816	3/15/49	New York teletype to Baltimore	1	no	released in full
2817	3/15/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Albany	1	yes	
2818	3/14/49	Bureau memo to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2819	3/14/49	Bureau letter to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2820	3/14/49	Washington Field Office memo to Bureau	1	yes	
2821	3/15/49	Seattle letter to Bureau	1	yes	
2822	3/15/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	

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2823	3/15/49	Washington Field Office report	4	yes	
2824	3/15/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	2	yes	
2825	3/15/49	Norfolk memo to Bureau	1	yes	
2826	3/15/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
2827	3/15/49	Baltimore letter to Bureau	2	yes	
2828	3/15/49	Boston letter to Bureau	1	yes	
2829	3/16/49	Baltimore letter to Bureau	1	yes	
2830	3/16/49	Washington Field Office teletype New York	1	yes	
2831	3/16/49	Washington Field Office teletype New York	1	yes	
2832	3/16/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
2833	3/15/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
2834	3/16/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	yes	

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2835	3/16/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
2836	3/16/49	Bureau teletype to New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore	1	yes	
2837	3/16/49	Newark teletype to Bureau, New York	2	yes	
2838	3/16/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
2839	3/16/49	St. Louis teletype to Bureau, New York Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2840	3/16/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
2841	3/16/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
2842	3/16/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2843	3/16/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Baltimore	2	yes	
2844	3/16/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, Los Angeles	1	yes	
2845	6/15/44	Washington Field Office report (About Margaret Greenfield)	8	yes	
2846	12/23/43	Washington Field Office report (About Margaret Greenfield)	5	yes	

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2847	3/15/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	2	yes	
2848	3/16/49	New York teletype to Detroit	1	no	released in full
2849	3/16/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
2850	3/16/49	Boston teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
2851	3/16/49	Boston teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
2852	3/17/49	Philadelphia teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
2853	3/17/49	Miami teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
2854	3/17/49	New York memo Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
2855	3/17/49	New York memo Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont (About Bureau telephone call)	1	no	released in full
2856	3/15/49	Detroit teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
2857	3/16/49	Bureau teletype to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2858	3/16/49	Albany letter to Bureau	1	yes	

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2859	3/15/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
2860	3/16/49	Baltimore letter to Bureau	1	yes	
2861	3/15/49	Pittsburgh report	4	yes	
2862	3/17/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Miami	1	yes	
2863	3/17/49	New York teletype to Philadelphia	1	no	released in full
2864	3/17/49	New York teletype to Washington Field Office	1	no	released in full
2865	3/17/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
2866	3/14/49	El Paso letter to Bureau	3	yes	
2867	3/15/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
2868	3/17/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	2	yes	
2869	3/17/49	Buffalo teletype to Bureau, New York, Newark	1	yes	
2870	3/17/49	New York memo (About Bureau telephone call)	1	no	released in full

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2871	3/17/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2872	3/17/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
2873	3/16/49	Bureau memo to New York	1	yes	
2874	3/17/49	Bureau memo to New York	1	yes	
2875	3/16/49	Bureau teletype to Seattle, San Francisco	1	yes	
2876	3/16/49	Bureau letter to Washington Field Office	2	yes	
2877	3/16/49	Washington Field Office report	35	yes	
2878	3/14/49	Washington Field Office report	32	yes	
2879	3/16/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
2880	3/17/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2881	3/9/49	San Francisco report	10	yes	
2882	3/14/49	Los Angeles report	5	yes	

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2883	3/14/49	Los Angeles letter to Bureau	3	yes	
2884	3/16/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	2	yes	
2885	3/16/49	Houston letter to Bureau	1	yes	
2886	3/16/49	Indianapolis report	2	yes	
2887	3/16/49	Indianapolis letter to Bureau	1	yes	
2888	3/17/49	Boston letter to Bureau	1	yes	
2889	3/18/49	New York memo	1	no	Referred to CIA
2890	3/18/49	New York memo	2	no	released in full
2891	3/18/49	New York memo	3	no	released in full
2892	3/18/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
2893	3/18/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	yes	
2894	3/18/49	New Haven teletype to Bureau, New York, Boston	1	yes	

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2895	3/18/49	Denver teletype to Bureau, New York, Baltimore	2	yes	
2896	3/19/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
2897	3/18/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	2	yes	
2898	3/18/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2899	3/18/49	New York letter to Bureau	3	yes	
2900	3/18/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
2901	3/18/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
2902	3/21/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
2903	3/21/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York, Los Angeles	1	yes	
2904	3/15/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	2	yes	
2905	3/18/49	Philadelphia report	11	yes	
2906	3/18/49	Philadelphia memo to Bureau	1	yes	

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2907	3/18/49	Bureau letter to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
2908	3/18/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	6	yes	
2909	3/18/49	Milwaukee letter to Bureau	1	yes	
2910	3/18/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
2911	3/21/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
2912	3/21/49	New York memo	3	no	released in full
2913	3/18/49	Washington Field Office report	5	yes	
2914	3/14/49	Memphis letter to Bureau	2	yes	
2915	3/14/49	Memphis report	2	yes	
2916	3/17/49	Oklahoma City memo to New York	1	no	released in full
2917	3/17/49	Kansas City letter to Bureau	2	yes	
2918	3/17/49	Buffalo letter to Bureau	1	yes	

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2919	3/17/49	Detroit report	4	yes	
2920	3/18/49	New Haven report	2	yes	
2921	3/18/49	Bureau letter to New Orleans	1	yes	
2922	3/18/49	New York letter to Bureau	4	yes	
2923	3/18/49	St. Louis report	3	yes	
2924	3/21/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
2925	3/21/49	Miami teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
2926	3/21/49	Chicago teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, New York	1	yes	
2927	3/21/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
2928	3/21/49	New York memo	2	no	released in full
2929	3/22/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, Baltimore	1	yes	
2930	3/21/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	

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2931	3/8/49	New York letter to a third party	1	no	released in full
2932	3/21/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
2933	3/22/49	New York memo (about Bureau telephone call to New York)	1	no	released in full
2934	3/22/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
2935	3/18/49	Bureau letter to Boston	2	yes	
2936	3/18/49	Los Angeles letter to San Diego	1	no	released in full
2937	3/18/49	Los Angeles letter to Bureau	1	yes	
2938	3/22/49	Boston teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, New York	1	yes	
2939	3/22/49	New York report	35	yes	
2940	3/21/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	3	yes	
2941	3/21/49	Charlotte memo to Bureau	2	yes	
2942	3/21/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York, 7, New York

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MEMO:

March 5, 1949

MR. SCHNEIDER  
MR. BELMONT  
MR. WIREMAN  
MR. DRISCOLL  
MR. GRANVILLE  
MR. HAASHT  
MR. KURTZ  
MR. MARCHESSAULT  
MR. MOYNIRAN  
NIGHT SUPERVISOR  
MR. QUINN  
MR. SULLIVAN  
MR. TUOHY  
MR. WATSON  
PROPERTY CLERK  
TRAINING UNIT

*W. J. Jacobs*

Re: JAHAM  
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This is to advise that on March 11, 1949, former Special Agent HOWARD V. ROSS, who is a personal acquaintance of the writer, telephonically furnished the following information.

Mr. ROSS, who is an attorney at 120 Broadway, New York, New York, stated that recently one of the attorneys in his firm had lunch with a member of the law firm of Debevoise, which firm is handling the defense of ALGER HISS. Former Agent ROSS did not furnish the names of either of these individuals. He stated, however, that the person from the Debevoise Law Firm told the man in ROSS' law firm that they know definitely "that the phones in their office are tapped and that the phone of ALGER HISS is tapped." Consequently, this individual stated, that whenever the Debevoise Firm wishes to communicate with ALGER HISS telephonically, this contact is made from a public phone booth "downstairs" presumably in the building in which the Debevoise Law Firm is located.

Mr. ROSS stated that he wanted to furnish this information to the Bureau for any value that it might have concerning the HISS case. This information was furnished to Supervisor TUOHY, who requested that a memorandum be submitted.

WALTER E. LEVVIS, SA

WEL:MTM

*We have nothing  
to do with this  
if it is true*

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F. B. I.	
MAR 15 1949	
N. Y. C.	
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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York 7, New York

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March 16, 1949

MEMO

Re: JAHAM

SAMUEL GARDNER WELLS

Reference is made to memorandum of Special Agent L. W. SPILLANE. (Serial 1314), in which it was indicated that CHAMBERS had stated that during the 1940's while he was employed with "Time Inc.", he mentioned the names of ALGER HISS and DONALD HISS as well as some of the circumstances of this case to SAMUEL GARDNER WELLS, religion editor of "Time Inc.". He said that WELLS was still employed by "Time Inc." and that he had been instrumental in having CHAMBERS join the Episcopal Church. The writer was assigned a lead to interview WELLS concerning CHAMBERS and his background. The writer made a contact with ISABEL TORRANCE, Time-Life International, 9 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, Telephone CI 5-4400, and it was determined that WELLS is on foreign assignment for Time-Life International, and has been in Tokyo, Japan, for the past two months. He will be away from the United States and in Japan for an indefinite period and is not expected back before at least four months.

In view of the fact that WELLS is not available for interview and will not be for a substantial period of time, it is not contemplated at this time that any further effort will be made to interview him concerning CHAMBERS.

ROY J. BARLOGA, SA

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New York, New York

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March 16, 1949

*W.H.S.*  
MR. BELMONT  
MR. WHELAN  
MR. COLLIER  
MR. GRANVILLE  
MR. KURTZ  
MR. MACHESAULT  
MR. MCLEAN  
MR. MURPHY  
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On the afternoon of March 15, I received a call from Mr. T. J. Donegan who advised that AUSA Tom Murphy, who is going to try this case with him, would like to go over the summary report as soon as it has been prepared. I advised Mr. Donegan that the summary report would be available within a few days.

Mr. Donegan also advised that inasmuch as there are a number of conferences going on in preparation for this case between himself and Mr. Murphy, it might be well for the agent who is going to be available in court during the trial of the case to sit in with them on the conferences. I advised Mr. Donegan that SA Joseph Kelly would be available for this purpose.

Mr. Donegan advised that a conference had been held between HISS's attorney, Mr. McLEAN, and Mr. Murphy and himself concerning the government making available to the defense certain documents for examination by the defense experts, in accordance with the findings by Judge Bondy. Mr. Donegan was of the opinion that it would be desirable for a Bureau representative to maintain custody of these documents while such examination was going on in order that the chain of evidence would not be broken. I advised him that an agent would go down and get a list of these documents from Mr. Murphy and at that time we would consider the best procedure in having an agent possibly accompany them while they were being examined by the defense.

A. H. BELMONT  
ASAC

AHB:CTC  
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*pd Shaw*

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, N. Y.  
MARCH 15, 1949

BALTIMORE (URGENT)

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

JAHAN. CHAMBERS CLAIMS REGISTERED SELECTIVE SERVICE LOCAL BOARD LOCATED  
IN HIGH SCHOOL AT WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND. CLERK OF BOARD WAS LEVY MAUS.  
VERIFY REGISTRATION AND OBTAIN ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION IN LOCAL BOARD  
RECORDS. HANDLE DISCREETLY TO PREVENT ANY POSSIBLE EMBARRASSMENT TO  
CHAMBERS.

SCHEIDT

MR. SCHEIDT  
MR. BELMONT  
MR. WESLAN  
MR. CALJEE  
MR. CULVILLE  
MR. GALTZ  
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Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

Sent 11-328 M Per

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
MARCH 16, 1949

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: DETROIT URGENT  
JAHAM. REURTEL MARCH FIFTEEN LAST. SUBMIT EXPEDITE REPORT ON INTERVIEW  
OF ROBINSON MORTIN, GIVING FULL DETAILS OF CHAMBERS' CONVERSATION WITH MORTIN  
IN NINETEEN THIRTY NINE. ANY INFORMATION CHAMBERS GAVE MORTIN ON CHAMBERS'  
ACTIVITIES IN CP, UNDERGROUND APPARATUS, ALGER HISS OR OTHERS INVOLVED IN  
APPARATUS, SHOULD BE REPORTED.

*W.M.  
with  
read  
return  
for 3/1*

SCHEIDT

MR. SCHEIDT  
MR. BRIDGENT  
MR. WILLAN  
MR. COLLIER  
MR. CHANNILLE  
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JAHAN

MEMPHIS JR. B. COOK, MARCH FOURTEEN, FORTYFIVE AT WFO. MY REQUESTED  
TO ARRIVE PHILA. OF NECESSITY OF CHECKING DEPOSITS MADE IN VARIOUS  
WFO. ACCOUNTS DURING NINETEEN FORTYTWO AND FORTYSEVEN AT THE  
FIREWALL TRUST CO., PHILA. NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST CO.

DEPARTMENT

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PHILA 17

*Phil advised  
to do so  
JAHAN*

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N. Y. C.	
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, New York

March 17, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAHAM

Miss NORMA ABRAMS of the "Daily News" advised me she had heard a rumor from Washington to the effect that Mr. BROADY, who has received considerable publicity in the alleged wire tapping of New York City officials' telephones, has had investigators working in behalf of ALGER HISS in instant case. She advised that Mr. McLEAN, HISS's attorney, did not deny this when taxed by the newspapers, although he had nothing to say about it. I, of course, had no comment to make to Miss ABRAMS concerning this although it is known that HORACE SCHMAHL, who conducted considerable investigation to locate typewriting specimens, etc., was in some way affiliated with BROADY's office.

A. H. BELMONT  
ASAC

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RE: JAHAM

Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau was advised on the afternoon of March 16, 1949 that, in accordance with the desires of AUSA Thomas Murphy and Mr. Donegan, we are arranging for a special agent to keep custody of the documents which the government has agreed to make available to the defendants for their inspection. I read to Mr. Fletcher the attached basis on which these documents are being made available to the defense. Mr. Fletcher was advised that the restrictions placed in the agreement to be signed by the defendants' attorney were for the purpose of insuring that the chain of evidence relative to these documents was not broken and to make sure that any inspection by the defense did not mar the documents in any way.

Mr. Fletcher advised that we should go along with the wishes of the United States Attorney in this matter.

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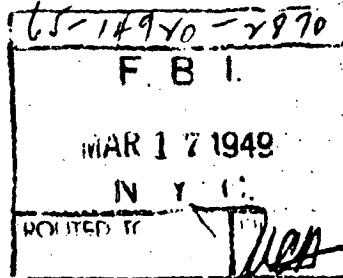
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At 12:40 pm on March 17, Mr. Leo Laughlin of the Bureau called advising that Mr. CLEVELAND, attorney for CHAMBERS, was trying to get in touch with CHAMBERS. Mr. Laughlin wanted to know where CHAMBERS was.

I advised him that CHAMBERS, insofar as we know, is at his farm in Maryland today. I suggested that he have Mr. CLEVELAND attempt to reach CHAMBERS there.

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MEMORANDUM:

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On March 16, 1949, while CHAMBERS was being interviewed on another matter, photographs of the former residence of LAUCLIN CURRIE at Marginal Acres near Hancock, New Hampshire, were exhibited to CHAMBERS. It will be recalled that CHAMBERS indicated that in the late summer of 1937 he made a trip with ALGER and PRISCILLA HISSE from Washington, D.C., to the summer home of HARRY DEXTER WHITE in New Hampshire; talked to WHITE and thereafter returned to Washington.

At the time these photographs were sent to the New York Office there was also attached a handwritten memorandum of SA. F. M. Connors of the Boston Office, which includes a diagram of the house and roads leading to this farm. After examining the sketch of the various roads and the house, CHAMBERS stated that he is 100% sure that the general layout of the roads and the house is identical with his recollection of the layout of these roads and property at the time he visited them in 1937. Upon examination of the photographs he was somewhat reluctant to make a positive identification of this house. He pointed out that in the first instance he recalls the house as being painted white, whereas instant farmhouse is painted a red color. CHAMBERS also has no recollection of the "wagon shed" which is attached to the rear of this property. He did, however, pick out one photograph which shows a secondary road and lane leading up to the home, together with second growth brush and timber. He stated that this photograph most closely resembles the general geography of the layout.

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In view of CHAMBERS' failure to positively identify this farmhouse, it is suggested that MRS. HARRY DEXTER WHITE be again interviewed to determine whether she has any possible information that this was the summer home occupied by the WHITES in 1937. As a possible aid it is suggested that she furnish the location of the summer residence occupied by the WHITE family in 1936 and 1938. In the event that no positive information is readily obtainable from MRS. HARRY

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DEXTER WHITE it is suggested that arrangements be made to interview LAUCILIN CURRIE, the owner of these premises, to determine whether he had any documentary or factual information indicating that WHITE occupied this farmhouse during the summer of 1937. It will, of course, be helpful if the actual dates of WHITE'S residency at this farmhouse can be ascertained. This is important in view of the fact that investigation to date has placed the time of this trip as between August 10th and August 15th, 1937.

THOMAS J. SPENCER, SA.



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During the course of the interview with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS on March 16, 1949, he provided the information set forth hereinafter.

CHAMBERS stated that sometime in about 1935 the unknown subject "BILL", who was his superior at that time, mentioned an individual by the name of COL. DEAN IVAN LAMB. CHAMBERS stated that he never heard of this individual before, but at some future time learned that LAMB was reportedly an international adventurer; that at one time he was connected with the Chinese Air Force, and still another time had some association with a Central American air force, possibly that of Nicaragua.

"BILL" proposed to CHAMBERS that the latter get in touch with LAMB to determine if any "documents" could be secured through LAMB. CHAMBERS said that he did not recall that any special type of documents were referred to other than possibly "intelligence documents."

CHAMBERS said that he did not know just how to go about approaching COL. LAMB. He determined that LAMB was located somewhere in New York City. Then, he continued, he discussed the matter with ALGER HISS and the latter suggested that he, HISS, make this contact with COL. LAMB. CHAMBERS stated that he agreed to this and that HISS did, shortly thereafter, come from Washington, D. C. to New York City and contact COL. LAMB. However, CHAMBERS stated, this contact had no results, to his knowledge. He admitted that he did not know any of the details of the meeting between LAMB and ALGER HISS and claimed that he had forgotten just where the meeting had taken place other than that it was possibly in some hotel in New York City.

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After COL. BORIS BYKOV became CHAMBERS' superior, the latter told BYKOV of the episode involving COL. LAMB. CHAMBERS stated that his point in telling BYKOV this story was more or less to show just what "a crazy idea" the whole thing had been. However, CHAMBERS stated, BYKOV'S reaction was just the opposite and he was very eager to approach LAMB again. He stated, however, that ALGER HISS should not be in any way

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involved in the business. After some deliberation, CHAMBERS related, he and BYKOV decided to use LEE PRESSMAN in this second approach to COL. LAMB. CHAMBERS did not know any of the particular details concerning the original meeting between PRESSMAN and LAMB other than that they met in New York City. At this meeting the matter of LAMB cooperating was more or less left hanging, that is, according to CHAMBERS, he did not say "yes" nor did he say "no". When PRESSMAN reported this information BYKOV decided that CHAMBERS should meet LAMB himself using "the utmost caution". CHAMBERS stated that he, Chambers, was very much afraid of LAMB and was very much opposed to the whole operation of approaching and possibly using him. However, he stated, he arranged the meeting in the manner set forth below.

He stated that around 123rd or 124th Street and Riverside Drive, there is a long flight of stone steps, possibly 40 in number, which lead up from the park level to Riverside Drive. CHAMBERS said that at a certain hour, which had been prearranged, he stationed himself at the parapet at the top of the stairs where he could see what was going on below and all around him. He said he had instructed PRESSMAN to bring LAMB, after several changes of conveyances and by a circuitous route to the foot of these stone steps. He stated that at the appointed hour he saw PRESSMAN and LAMB at the bottom of the steps and had a full view of them while they climbed the stairs. LAMB, according to CHAMBERS, had no previous knowledge of where this meeting was to take place. CHAMBERS stated that when LAMB and PRESSMAN reached the top of the steps, he, CHAMBERS, approached them. He claimed that at that time he instantly decided to break off all relations with LAMB. He said that he had a very brief conversation with him during which, to the best of his recollection, he said that he was glad to meet LAMB and that any future contacts would be arranged through LEE PRESSMAN.

CHAMBERS commented at this point that he did not feel that PRESSMAN was using his own name in this particular operation.

Immediately thereafter, CHAMBERS said goodbye to LAMB, and taking PRESSMAN with him he walked to 125th St., where they took a cab and moved from the area as quickly as possible. CHAMBERS stated that he instructed PRESSMAN that he was to have nothing further to do with LAMB. Further, he said that he himself therefore, had never had any more associations or contacts with LAMB.

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Finally, CHAMBERS stated, he did not know where LAMB secured the title of "Colonel" but it was his opinion that it had nothing to do with the American Army. It was also his opinion that LAMB is now deceased. He provided the following description of LAMB:

Age	In his 40's (1935)
Height	5' 5"
Build	Slight
Complexion	Rather dark
Nationality	American
Characteristics	- Wore an artist's black bow tie; very 'shifty' looking.

In view of the alleged contact between COL. LAMB and ALGER HISS, as related hereinbefore by CHAMBERS, it is suggested that appropriate investigative steps be taken to determine if LAMB is still alive. In the event he is still alive, interview should be had with him for any information he may be able to provide with reference to this matter. In this connection it might be noted that the writer has checked the New York Times Index for the years 1937 to 1948, and no reference was contained therein indicating that COL. LAMB was deceased. It was noted that an individual, probably identical with the person mentioned by CHAMBERS, was listed as MAJOR DEAN IVAN LAMB in the Times Index for 1944 and 1945. Likewise a check of the New York indices reflects that there are a number of references to MAJOR DEAN IVAN LAMB. These indices have not been reviewed by the writer.

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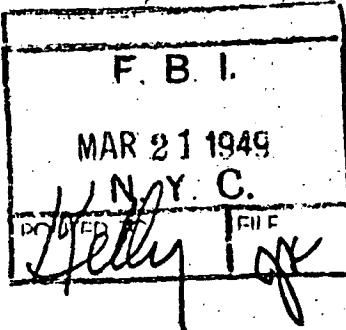
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On the morning of March 21, Mr. T. J. Donegan advised that AUSA Murphy had expressed interest in going over the summary report in this case as soon as it was available. Mr. Donegan should be advised as soon as the summary report is available for this purpose.

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At the request of Mr. E. J. Connelley, the writer telephonically, contacted Supervisor Delavigne at the Washington Field Office at 2:30 p.m., March 21, 1949. Mr. Delavigne was advised that Mr. Connelley was personally interested in ascertaining the results of the check by the Washington Field with the State Department concerning rolls C and D, Grand Jury exhibits 48 and 47, and the comparison prepared from these rolls with the original State Department documents.

Mr. Delavigne advised that the Washington Field Office was experiencing considerable difficulty with the State Department in obtaining the desired information. He indicated that the Washington Field Office had been pushing the State Department on this matter and now contemplated the submission of a report containing the desired information on March 24, 1949. Mr. Delavigne was requested to submit a teletype summary reflecting all information obtained from the State Department on the afternoon of March 21, 1949. Mr. Delavigne indicated that such a teletype summary would be sent to the New York Office.

T. J. McANDREWS,  
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During the course of the interview with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS on March 15, 1949, he provided the information set forth hereinafter.

Mr. CHAMBERS stated that sometime in 1936 LINCOLN STEFFENS contacted him, possibly through MAXIM LIEBER. He asked that CHAMBERS meet him at the Commodore Hotel in New York City. It turned out that the purpose of this meeting was to get CHAMBERS to write a biography of STEFFENS close friend--FILENE, who was the individual for whom the large department store in Boston, Massachusetts is named.

CHAMBERS stated that he declined this offer and suggested the name of ROBERT CANTWELL to STEFFENS as being an individual who might possibly write this biography. It was CHAMBERS' understanding that CANTWELL did actually prepare this biography, but it was never published.

CHAMBERS said that at the time of his visit with STEFFENS at the Commodore Hotel, the latter was occupying a suite there. While CHAMBERS was talking to STEFFENS, he observed that a door between the rooms of the suite was ajar and he heard loud talking in the next room. CHAMBERS stated that STEFFENS explained this talking by nodding towards the door and stating, "ANNA LOUISE STRONG is in there."

CHAMBERS said at this time he had a long personal conversation with STEFFENS. He said that STEFFENS stated that he, CHAMBERS, was more a Bolshevik than any other American he had met, and that "the future of the country lay in hands of men of my type." However, CHAMBERS stated that he thought STEFFENS was possibly disturbed by his, CHAMBERS, Bolshevik realism. He related

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that as he was leaving and was walking down the hotel corridor, STEFFENS came out of his room and shouted, "Keep a warm spot in your heart WHITTAKER".

CHAMBERS stated that STEFFENS knew him as "HUGH JONES". He is unable to recall just how STEFFENS knew this, and stated that he cannot recall using this name. However, it is entirely possible that he might have reviewed a book or books for the "New Republic" using that name.

Sometime in about September, 1948 after one of CHAMBERS' appearances as a witness for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, LEONARD LYONS telephoned him at Time, Inc. LYONS informed him that he had just observed a letter which was in a publication of collected letters of LINCOLN STEFFENS, and which was allegedly written to CHAMBERS by LINCOLN STEFFENS. He subsequently ascertained that although he had never received this letter, according to the book, STEFFENS is supposed to have written a very laudatory letter commenting on the articles that CHAMBERS wrote for "New Masses" in 1932. CHAMBERS also heard about these letters in STEFFENS' book through one of Time's foreign correspondents. According to this correspondent, the latter had been traveling with ELLA WINTERS, the wife of LINCOLN STEFFENS. It appears that in about 1947 she was traveling with this Time correspondent, SAMUEL G. WELLS, in the Russian zone of Germany. It was on this occasion that the WINTERS' woman told WELLS about the letters that her husband had written to CHAMBERS. She declared at this time that she could not believe that a man who wrote such stories in "New Masses" could have broken with the Communist Party.

LINCOLN STEFFENS is, of course, best known for an auto-biography which he wrote and, according to CHAMBERS, was one of the most famous "muckrakers." At one time he was WOODROW WILSON's observer during the Russian revolution in 1919 and was also active in some capacity for WILSON at the Paris Peace Conference in 1919. According to CHAMBERS, he was a perennial fellow traveler.

According to CHAMBERS, STEFFENS is alleged to have met ELLA WINTERS at the Paris Peace Conference when she was the secretary to LLOYD GEORGE. She was

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also a fellow traveler, and possibly became a member of the Communist Party at some later period.

It is suggested that an effort be made to locate the abovementioned publication, "Collected Letters of LINCOLN STEFFENS", so that the letters allegedly written to CHAMBERS by STEFFENS may be reviewed for any value that they might be to this investigation.

FRANCIS X. PLANT, SA

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK CITY

FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY

SUBJECT: J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., et al.,  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE -R  
INTERNAL SECURITY -R

DATE: March 17, 1949

Re report of SA JOSEPH E. KELLER, dated March 10, 1949 at New York. Washington Field letter to Director, dated February 23, 1949, copy to Oklahoma City and New York, and Oklahoma City letter to Director, dated March 2, 1949, copy to New York and Washington Field.

Referenced Washington Field letter to the Director, Subject - JAHAM; PERJURY; ESPIONAGE R; INTERNAL SECURITY-R, requested the Oklahoma City Office to interview LAURA MERMIN as set out in a lead in referenced New York report.

Referenced Oklahoma City letter to the Director with copies to the New York and Washington Field Offices sets forth the results of this interview as well as information regarding LAURA MERMIN and her husband, Professor SAMUEL MERMIN, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.

In view of this information, the lead set out for the Oklahoma City Office to interview LAURA MERMIN is not being covered. RUC.

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March 21, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

At 4:30 p.m., March 21, 1949, Supervisor Delavigne of the Washington Field Office called and advised that a report reflecting information from State Department files on Grand Jury exhibits 48 and 47 was being prepared in that office and would be received in New York on Wednesday, March 23 next. Mr. Delavigne stated that the material to be incorporated in this report was most complicated and did not lend itself to a teletype summary; accordingly, no teletype summary would be forwarded to New York.

The above was furnished Mr. E. J. Connelley, who indicated that receipt of this material on the morning of March 23 would be satisfactory for the purposes of the summary report.

T. J. McANDREWS,  
Special Agent

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PERJURY; ESPIONAGE -R

Reference is made to the report of SA J. L. KIRKLAND, 3/8/49, Philadelphia, Pa., in the above entitled matter. This report sets out a lead to interview CHAMBERS to determine whether CHAMBERS was a camera enthusiast, and whether he possibly may have taken any photographs of ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS while the CHAMBERS family were spending the summer of 1935 at Smithtown and New Hope, Pa.

In this connection CHAMBERS was interviewed on March 15, 1949 and he related that other than the photographing of documents about which he has related in his signed statement, he was never "a camera enthusiast". He did state, however, that his wife owned a box camera during the time they were at Smithtown and New Hope, and that she still has this camera in her possession. He stated that he cannot recall that he took any pictures with this camera while he and his family resided at Smithtown and New Hope, Pa. He stated that no photographs had ever been taken of ALGER or PRISCILLA HISS by him or his wife. He stated that both he and his wife have talked this situation over on numerous occasions, and have made a thorough examination of their premises and have never been able to come up with such a photograph.

In connection with the investigation being conducted by the Philadelphia office in the vicinity of New Hope, Pa., CHAMBERS stated that there is a very good possibility that the real estate agent in New Hope, through whom the "Stone House" on the TOM and MARY MARSHALL farm was rented, might recall seeing ALGER HISS and CHAMBERS when the rental for this farm was arranged. It is CHAMBERS present recollection that ALGER HISS was with him when he went to this real estate agent in New Hope, Pa.

In the event that this real estate agent, whose name CHAMBERS recalls as being ROBERTS, has not been interviewed, a lead should be set out in the next investigative report to have this individual interviewed and a photograph of ALGER HISS exhibited to him.

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During the interview had with FRANKLIN SPIER, the former friend of Mr. and Mrs. CHAMBERS, on March 14, 1949, the latter related that Mr. and Mrs. CHAMBERS resided at the SPIER farm for a period of some months in 1932. During this interrogation, SPIER informed SA Lawrence Bracken that he had heard from his, SPIER's, wife that sometime while the CHAMBERS family was occupying his farm, either CHAMBERS or his wife buried some material in back of the SPIER farm. SPIER related that this act was probably prompted by the fact that the German-American Bund had purchased property adjacent to the SPIER farm, and CHAMBERS, for some reason or another, had decided to secrete some material which he had in his possession at that time.

On March 15, 1949 these facts were brought to the attention of Mr. CHAMBERS, and he related that he had absolutely no recollection of having secreted any material on the SPIER farm at any time. He did state, however, that the only thing of consequence that he had in his possession at that time, in so far as the Communist Party was concerned, was Communist propaganda, and that if anything had been secreted it would probably have been this type of material.

On March 15, 1949 the agents from the Baltimore office interviewed Mrs. CHAMBERS and she recalled that shortly after their marriage, in 1931, she and her husband took up a "periodic residence" at the SPIER farm, near Glenn Gardner, New Jersey, and that they eventually moved from the farm in the Fall of 1933. Sometime during their residence at the farm, Mrs. CHAMBERS buried a letter-size metal file containing miscellaneous Communist pamphlets and literature, which she did not desire to have discovered in their possession. This was buried in the truck garden plot near the barn. After moving from the farm in the early Fall of 1933, Mrs. CHAMBERS returned to the SPIER farm and recovered the letter-size metal file with its contents. On this occasion Mrs. CHAMBERS told Mr. and Mrs. SPIER about the concealment of this file and they helped her locate and recover same.

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Subsequent to the recovery, Mrs. CHAMBERS stated that they disposed of the Communist literature and pamphlets by destroying them or giving them away. She was unable to recall whether there was anything but Communist pamphlets and literature in the file at the time it was buried, and denied that there was anything belonging to the CHAMBERS presently buried on the SPIER farm.

Mrs. CHAMBERS was able to recall this date clearly because she was pregnant at the time and the child was born in October, 1933. Mrs. CHAMBERS further denied that there was ever any confidential documents buried on the SPIER farm to her knowledge. She likewise denied that she had informed Mrs. SPIER that there was any confidential documents secreted in this metal file.

On March 16, 1949 Mr. CHAMBERS was informed of the remarks made by his wife in connection with this incident, and he stated that at that time this did not refresh his recollection in any way whatsoever, and that he could not add anything to what his wife said. He did indicate, however, that on his return to his farm in Maryland, he would discuss this matter with his wife and thereafter would inform agents of any additional material that he had obtained in this connection.

THOMAS G. SPENCER, SA

607 United States Court House  
 Foley Square  
 New York 7, New York

March 8, 1949

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Edward L. Braune, Agent  
New York Telephone Company  
140 West Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Braune:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that you make available all background information which your files might contain concerning Sweeney Thompson Tyler, Jr., who in 1939 subscribed to telephone number Algonquin 4-3177. From October 1, 1935, to September 30, 1939, he resided at 8 West 16th Street, Apt. F-33, New York City.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD SCHMIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

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March 22, 1949

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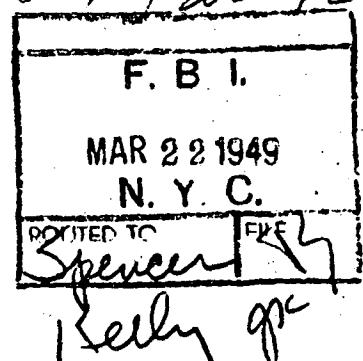
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At 5:30 pm on March 21, Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau advised that Mr. Whearty of the Department had informed him that JAY WHITTAKER CHAMBERS has to be in Baltimore on March 25 in connection with the civil suit pending against him by HISS. I advised Mr. Fletcher that at the present time CHAMBERS is on his farm in Maryland.

A. H. BELMONT  
ASAC

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al  
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There is enclosed with this letter one copy of the report of  
SA DAVID EDWIN TOLD dated March 9, 1949 at San Francisco, California, in  
which there is set out a lead to interview DANIEL MURPHY at the Hotel  
Banning, Banning, California. This report is being sent to the San  
Diego office inasmuch as Banning, California, is located within the San  
Diego office territory.

It will be noted that the purpose of the interview with MURPHY  
is set out on Page 3 of the enclosed report. The Los Angeles office has  
no additional information regarding the background in this matter of  
ANDREW BANNING.

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